

I claim:

1. A package resembling a book, comprising:

an open ended box having a bottom that has an inner surface and a flat outer surface, a pair of identical side walls extending away from opposite side edges of the inner surface of said bottom, each of said side walls having an inner surface and an outer surface, a pair of identical end walls extending away from opposite end edges of the inner surface of said bottom, each of said end walls having an inner surface and an outer surface, adjacent end and side walls being connected to each other so that their inner surfaces define a space for containing a product within said box;

a product contained within said space within said box;

a closure member for said box comprising a front panel having an outside surface and a flat inside surface, said front panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said front panel resembling a front cover of a book, a back panel having an outside surface and a flat inside surface, said back panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said back panel resembling a back cover of a book, and a spine panel having a flat inside surface and an outside surface, said spine panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said spine panel resembling the spine of a book, one side edge of said front panel being attached to one side edge of said spine panel, the other side edge of said front panel being unattached, one side edge of said back panel being attached to the side edge of said spine panel opposite to one edge of said spine panel, and the other side edge of said back panel being unattached;

the outer surface of one of said side walls of said box contacting said flat inside surface of said spine panel, the flat outer

surface of said bottom of said box contacting said flat inside surface of said back panel; and

means holding said box and said product in said box in said closure member.

2. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein the end edges of said front panel and the end edges of said back panel and the end edges of said spine panel all terminate beyond the end walls of said box, and the unattached edge of said front panel and the unattached edge of said back panel terminate beyond the side walls of said box.

3. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, further comprising a lid closing the open end of said box, said lid having a flat outer surface, and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacting said flat outer surface of said lid.

4. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises glue bonding the outer surface of said one side wall of said box to said flat inside surface of said spine panel, and glue bonding the flat outer surface of said bottom of said box to said flat inside surface of said back panel.

5. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises fasteners extending through said closure member into said box.

6. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises a transparent plastic membrane sealing around said closure member and said box.

7. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein each of said side walls and each of said end walls of said box

terminates in a flat outer edge and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacts the flat outer edge of each of said end walls and side walls.

8. The package resembling a book defined in claim 1, wherein the end edges of said front panel and the end edges of said back panel and the end edges of said spine panel all terminate beyond the end walls of said box, the unattached edge of said front panel and the unattached edge of said back panel terminate beyond the side walls of said box, each of said side walls and each of said end walls of said box terminates in a flat outer edge and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacts the flat outer edge of each of said end walls and side walls, and said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises a transparent plastic membrane sealing around said closure member and said box.

9. A package that resembles a rectangular book, comprising:
an open ended rectangular box having a flat bottom having an inner surface and a flat outer surface, a pair of identical side walls extending perpendicularly from opposite side edges of the inside surface of said bottom, each of said side walls having an inner surface and a flat outer surface, a pair of identical end walls extending perpendicularly from opposite end edges of the inside surface of said bottom, each of said end walls having an inner surface and a flat outer surface, adjacent end and side walls being connected to each other so that their inner surfaces define an open ended rectangular space within said box;

a product contained within said rectangular space;

a rectangular closure member for said box comprising a rectangular front panel having an outside surface and a flat inside surface, said front panel having opposite side edges and opposite

end edges, said outside surface of said front panel resembling a front cover of a book, a rectangular back panel having an outside surface and a flat inside surface, said back panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said back panel resembling a back cover of a book, and a rectangular spine panel having a flat inside surface and an outside surface, said spine panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said spine panel resembling the spine of a book, one side edge of said front panel being attached to one side edge of said spine panel, the other side edge of said front panel being unattached and movable toward and away from said back panel, and one side edge of said back panel being attached to the side edge of said spine panel that is opposite to said one edge of said spine panel, and the other side edge of said back panel being unattached;

the flat outer surface of one of said side walls of said box contacting said flat inside surface of said spine panel, the flat outer surface of said bottom of said box contacting said flat inside surface of said back panel;

the end edges of said front panel and the end edges of said back panel and the end edges of said spine panel all terminating beyond the end walls of said box, the unattached edge of said front panel and the unattached edge of said back panel terminating beyond the side walls of said box;

and means holding said box and said product in said box in said closure member.

10. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, further comprising a rectangular lid closing the rectangular open end of said box, said lid having a flat outer surface, and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacting said flat outer surface of said lid.

11. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises glue bonding the outer surface of said one side wall of said box to said flat inside surface of said spine panel, and glue bonding the flat outer surface of said bottom of said box to said flat inside surface of said back panel.

12. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises fasteners extending through said closure member into walls of said box.

13. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises a transparent plastic membrane sealing around said closure member and said box.

14. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, wherein each of said side walls and each of said end walls of said box terminates in a flat outer edge and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacts the flat outer edge of each of said end walls and side walls.

15. The package that resembles a rectangular book defined in claim 9, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises a transparent plastic membrane sealing around said closure member and said box, and each of said side walls and each of said end walls of said box terminates in a flat outer edge and said flat inside surface of said front panel contacts the flat outer edge of each of said end walls and side walls.

16. A package resembling a closed rectangular book, comprising:

an removable open ended rectangular box having a flat bottom that has a flat inner surface and a flat outer surface, a pair of identical side walls extending perpendicularly from opposite side edges of the inside surface of said bottom, each of said side walls having a flat inner surface and a flat outer surface, a pair of identical end walls extending perpendicularly from opposite end edges of the inside surface of said bottom, each of said end walls having a flat inner surface and a flat outer surface, each of said side walls and each of said end walls terminating in a flat outer edge, the adjacent end and side walls being connected to each other so that their inner surfaces define an open ended rectangular space within said box;

a product contained within said rectangular space;

a protective rectangular closure cover member for said box comprising a flat rectangular front panel having a flat outside surface and a flat inside surface, said front panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said front panel resembling a front cover of a book, a flat rectangular back panel having a flat outside surface and a flat inside surface, said back panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said back panel resembling a back cover of a book, and a flat spine panel having a flat inside surface and a flat outside surface, said spine panel having opposite side edges and opposite end edges, said outside surface of said spine panel resembling the spine of a book, one side edge of said front panel being attached to one side edge of said spine panel, the other side edge of said front panel being unattached and pivotally movable toward and away from said back panel, one side edge of said back panel being attached

to the side edge of said spine panel that is opposite to said one side edge of said spine panel, and the other side edge of said back panel being unattached;

said flat inside surface of said front panel contacting the flat outer edge of each of said end walls and side walls of said box, the flat outside surface of one of said side walls of said box contacting said flat inside surface of said spine panel, and the flat outside surface of said bottom of said box contacting the flat inside surface of said back panel;

the end edges of said front panel and the end edges of said back panel and the end edges of said spine panel all terminating beyond the end walls of said box, and the unattached edge of said front panel and the unattached edge of said back panel terminating beyond the side walls of said box;

and means holding said box and said product in said box in said closure member, said holding means being removable, and said box and said product being removable from said closure member.

17. The package resembling a closed rectangular book defined in claim 16, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises glue bonding the outer surface of said one side wall of said box to said flat inside surface of said spine panel, glue bonding the flat outer surface of said bottom of said box to said flat inside surface of said back panel, and glue bonding the flat inside surface of said front panel to the flat outer edges of of said side walls and end walls of said box.

18. The package resembling a closed rectangular book defined in claim 16, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises fasteners extending through said closure member into walls of said box.

19. The package resembling a closed rectangular book defined in claim 16, wherein said means holding said box and said product in said closure member comprises a transparent plastic membrane completely enveloping and sealing around said closure member and said box.